



**NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY, A MINNESOTA CORPORATION, D/B/A XCEL ENERGY, INC.**

**ND PSC Case#: PU-15-690**

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE – COURTENAY WIND FARM**

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Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel Energy) provides the following update to the North Dakota Public Service Commission (Commission) on construction activity at the Courtenay Wind Farm. Wanzek Construction, Inc. (Wanzek) is the general contractor. Construction management teams from Wanzek and Xcel Energy are on site and engaged in construction management. Construction of access roads to turbine locations is ongoing, with approximately 85 percent completed to date. Excavation of turbine foundations is ongoing with 54 percent of excavations completed to date. Mud mats have been poured in 50 of the excavated foundations with rebar installed in 35 of the 50 locations. Monolithic foundation pours have been completed in 23 locations. Backfill of the foundations is ongoing with 13 of the 23 locations completed to date. These activities will continue next week.